IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.SIRI JAGAN

MONDAY, THE 8TH OCTOBER, 2007 / 16TH ASWINA 1929

WP(C).No. 14876 of 2006(U)

PETITIONER:

DR. C.A. MARY, CHERIAMPURATHU HOUSE,
KALANGALI P.O., KOORACHUNDU,
KOZHIKODE DISTRICT, NOW WORKING AS ASSOCIATED
PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY,
ASSOCIATED PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF PLANT
PATHOLOGY COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, TRIVANDRUM.

BY ADV. SRI.C.P.PEETHAMBARAN.

RESPONDENTS:

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1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY
SECRETARY, GENERAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE COMMISSIONER FOR GOVERNMENT
EXAMINATIONS, POOJAPURA,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SMT.M.R.SREELATHA.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING BEEN FINALLY HEARD ON 08/10/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

APPENDIX

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PETITIONER'S EXHIBITS:

Ext.P1: Copy of the Baptism Certificate issued.

Ext.P2: Copy of the extract of admission register of St.Thomas U.P.School, Koorachundu of the petitioner.

Ext.P3: Copy of the Birth Certificate of Joseph issued by Koorachundu Grama Panchayath.

Ext.P4: Copy of the Govt. Order dtd.3.10.1990.

Ext.P5: Copy of the order dtd.22.12.2005 issued by R2.

Ext.P6: Copy of Govt. Order dtd.20.4.2006.

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P.A.to Judge.

S. SIRI JAGAN, J.

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Dated this the 8th day of October, 2007

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The petitioner is aggrieved by Ext.P5 order of the Joint Commissioner for Government Examinations and Ext.P6 order of the Government whereby the petitioner's application for correction of her date of birth in the school records has been rejected. The petitioner sought correction of date of birth in the school records based on her Baptism Certificate. The Joint Commissioner of Government Examinations on comparison of the dates of birth of her other family members both in the school records as well as in the Baptism Register came to the conclusion that there are too many discrepancies in the Baptism Register and therefore, the same cannot be relied upon for the purpose of correction of petitioner's date of birth in the school records. From Ext.P5, I find that the Joint Commissioner for Entrance Examinations has given very

cogent reasons as to why the Baptism Register cannot be relied upon.

2. I find that the other family members of the petitioner also have two separate dates of birth, one in the register of births or school records and another in the Baptism Register. In fact, in the case of the petitioner's brother, the date of birth entered in the birth certificate differs from the Baptism Register. Since the dates of birth of three other members of the family in the Baptism Register also differ from that recorded in the official registers, I do not think that the Baptism Register can be safely relied upon for the purpose of correction of date of birth of the petitioner in the school records. Therefore, I do not find any merit in the writ petition, challenging Exts.P5 and P6 and accordingly the same is dismissed.

S. SIRI JAGAN,
Judge

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S.SIRI JAGAN, J

W.P.(C) NO. OF 2001

J U D G M E N T

DATED: 07-09-2007